GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:550
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2001
CONCESSION TO SENIOR CITIZENS
RAMPAL SINGH;VIJAY GOEL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the facilities being provided to the senior citizens by the Railways;

(b) whether the Government propose to provide more facilities to senior citizens;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) whether the Railways have made it mandatory for senior citizens for availing concession in rail fare to keep a certificate with them indicating their age during the course of journey;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the details of the penalty imposed in case of inability to produce the age certificate during the course of journey?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (f) of Starred Question No. 550 by Shri Rampal Singh and Shri Vijay Goel to be answered in Lok Sabha on 30.8.2001 regarding Concession to senior citizens.

(a): Indian Railways provide facilities to Senior Citizens as a social commitment. These are:

(i) Women of 60 years and above and men of 65 years and above are granted 30% senior citizen concession. This concession is valid in Mail/Express fares of all classes and fares of Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains.

(ii) At major Computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) locations, Senior Citizens are dealt with at the exclusive counter earmarked for the specific categories of persons.

(iii) Senior citizens are allotted lower berth automatically, if available, at the time of seeking reservation.

(iv) For those senior citizens who have been allotted upper/middle berths due to non-availability of lower berths at the time of booking, Conductors/TTEs in the train are authorised to allot them, on demand the vacant lower berths, if available.

(v) Separate accommodation has been earmarked for Senior Citizens in suburban trains of Central and Western Railways.

(b) and (c): Presently, there is no proposal to provide more facilities to senior citizens.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Senior citizens travelling on concession are required to carry some document showing proof of their age or date of birth and produce it if demanded by some Railway Official during journey. Documents like Identity Card, Ration Card, Driving License, Passport, Educational certificate, etc. issued by some Government Institution/Agency are valid.Besides, the certificate from Local Bodies like Panchayat or Corporationor Municipality or any other authentic & recognised documents are also valid. This provision has been made to avoid misuse of the facility.

(f): If the senior citizen availing concession does not produce proof of age during journey, he is treated as without ticket and charged accordingly.